

Amendments to the Claims

1. (original) A cash dispensing automated banking machine comprising:

a chest;

a cash dispenser in operative connection with the chest;

a frame in operative connection with the chest;

at least one side panel slidably connectable with the frame;

at least one top panel slidably connectable with the frame; and

at least one door in operative connection with the frame, wherein the door is movable between an open position and a closed position, wherein when the door is in the closed position, the door is operative to block the top panel from sliding out of connection with the frame, wherein when the door is in the open position, the top panel is operative to slide out of connection with the frame, wherein when the top panel is in operative connection with the frame, the top panel is operative to block the at least one side panel from sliding out of connection with the frame, wherein when the top panel is out of

connection with the frame, the at least one side panel is operative to slide out of connection with the frame.

2. (currently amended) The machine according to claim ~~1~~ 15, wherein the frame includes a plurality of vertical struts which extend upwardly from the chest and at least one horizontal strut, wherein the at least one horizontal strut is in operative connection with upper ends of at least two vertical struts.
3. (currently amended) The machine according to claim ~~2~~ 14, wherein the at least one top panel is operative to slidably engage the at least one horizontal strut.
4. (currently amended) The machine according to claim ~~2~~ 14, wherein the at least one side panel is operative to slidably engage at least two vertical struts.
5. (currently amended) The machine according to claim ~~2~~ 14, wherein the frame includes at least four vertical struts oriented to form a generally rectangular shaped frame, wherein the frame includes at least one diagonal horizontal strut which extends diagonally between the upper ends of at least two of the vertical struts.
6. (currently amended) The machine according to claim ~~1~~ 16, wherein one of the at least one side panel ~~or~~ and the frame includes projections which are operative to slide within slots of the other of the at least one side panel ~~or~~ and the frame.

7. (currently amended) The machine according to claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein ~~the~~ one of the at least one top panel or the frame includes projections which are operative to ~~slide~~ slidably extend within slots of the other of the at least one top panel or the frame.
8. (currently amended) The machine according to claim ~~2~~ 14, wherein the vertical struts include outwardly extending ridges which provide channels between the vertical struts and the at least one side panel, wherein at least one of a cable and electrical line is mounted within the channel.
9. (original) The machine according to claim 8, wherein the vertical struts include at least one aperture therethrough, wherein the at least one of a cable and electrical line extends through the at least one aperture.
10. (original) The machine according to claim 9, wherein the vertical struts include at least one cable retainer, wherein the cable retainer includes a curved finger which at least partially surrounds the at least one of the cable and electrical line.
11. (currently amended) A method comprising:
- a) mounting at least one side panel to a frame of an automated banking machine, wherein the automated banking machine includes a cash dispenser, wherein the at least one side panel is in independent removable connection with the frame;

- b) after (a), mounting at least one top panel to the frame of the automated banking machine, wherein the at least one top panel is operative to prevent the at least one side panel from being removed from the frame, wherein the at least one top panel is in independent removable connection with the frame; and
- c) after (b), closing a door of the automated banking machine, wherein the door is operative to prevent the at least one top panel from being removed from the frame.

12. (original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

- d) opening the door, wherein the at least one top panel is enabled to be removed responsive to the door being opened;
- e) removing the at least one top panel, wherein the at least one side panel is enabled to be removed responsive to the at least one top panel being removed; and
- f) removing the at least one side panel.

13. (original) The method according to claim 12, wherein step (a) includes:

- g) mounting at least one lower side panel to the frame, wherein the at least one lower side panel is in independent removable connection with the frame;

- h) after (g), mounting at least one upper side panel to the frame, wherein the upper side panel is operative to prevent the at least one lower side panel from being removed from the frame, wherein the at least one upper side panel is in independent removable connection with the frame;

wherein in (b) the at least one top panel is operative to prevent the at least one upper side panel from being removed from the frame.

14. (new) A cash dispensing automated banking machine comprising:

a chest;

a cash dispenser in operative supporting connection with the chest;

a frame in operative supporting connection with the chest, wherein the frame includes a plurality of vertical struts which extend upwardly relative to the chest, wherein each vertical strut includes an upper end, wherein the frame includes at least one horizontal strut, wherein the at least one horizontal strut is in operative supporting connection with the upper ends of the at least two vertical struts;

at least one side panel, wherein the at least one side panel is releasably engageable in operative supporting connection with the frame responsive to slidable movement of the at least one side panel relative to the frame;

at least one top panel, wherein the at least one top panel is releasably engageable in operative supporting connection with the frame responsive to slidable movement of the at least one top panel relative to the frame; and

at least one door in operative supporting connection with the frame, wherein the door is movable between an open position and a closed position, wherein the door in the closed position is operative to block the at least one top panel from slidably moving to disengage from operative supporting connection with the frame, and wherein the at least one top panel is slidably movable relative to the frame when the door is in the open position to disengage from operative supporting connection with the frame, wherein when the at least one top panel is engaged in operative supporting connection with the frame, the at least one top panel is operative to block the at least one side panel from slidably moving to disengage from operative supporting connection with the frame, and wherein when the at least one top panel is disengaged from operative supporting connection with the frame, the at least one side panel is slidably movable to disengage from operative supporting connection with the frame.

15. (new) A cash dispensing automated banking machine comprising:

a chest;

a cash dispenser in operative supporting connection with the chest;

a frame in operative supporting connection with the chest;

at least one side panel, wherein one of the at least one side panel and the frame includes projections in fixed supporting connection therewith, and wherein the other of the at least one side panel and the frame includes slots in fixed supporting connection therewith, and wherein each slot is configured to engage a projection therein, and wherein the at least one side panel is releasably engageable in operative supporting connection with the frame through engagement of the projections and slots responsive to relative slidable movement of the at least one side panel and the frame;

at least one top panel, wherein the at least one top panel is releasably engageable in operative supporting connection with the frame responsive to slidable movement of the at least one top panel relative to the frame; and

at least one door in operative supporting connection with the frame, wherein the door is movable between an open position and a closed position, wherein the door in the closed

position is operative to block the at least one top panel from slidably moving to disengage from operative supporting connection with the frame, and wherein the at least one top panel is slidably movable relative to the frame when the door is in the open position to disengage from operative supporting connection with the frame, wherein when the at least one top panel is engaged in operative supporting connection with the frame, the at least one top panel is operative to block the at least one side panel from slidably moving to disengage from operative supporting connection with the frame, and wherein when the at least one top panel is disengaged from operative supporting connection with the frame, the at least one side panel is slidably movable to disengage from operative supporting connection with the frame.

16. (new) A cash dispensing automated banking machine comprising:

a chest;

a cash dispenser in operative supporting connection with the chest;

a frame in operative supporting connection with the chest;

at least one side panel, wherein the at least one side panel is releasably operatively engageable in supporting connection with the frame responsive to slidable movement of the at least one side panel relative to the frame;

at least one top panel, wherein one of the at least one top panel and the frame includes a plurality of projections in fixed supporting connection therewith, and the other of the at least one top panel and the frame includes a plurality of slots in fixed supporting connection therewith, each slot adapted to receive a projection therein, and wherein the at least one top panel is releasably engageable in operative supporting connection with the frame through engagement of the projections and slots responsive to relative slidable movement of the at least one top panel and the frame; and

at least one door in operative supporting connection with the frame, wherein the door is movable between an open position and a closed position, wherein when the door is in the closed position, the door is operative to block the top panel from slidably moving to disengage from operative supporting connection with the frame, wherein the at least one top panel is slidably movable relative to the frame when the door is in the open position to disengage from operative supporting connection with the frame, wherein when the at least one top panel is engaged in operative supporting connection with the frame, the at least one top panel is operative to block the at least one side panel from slidably moving to disengage from operative supporting connection with the frame, and wherein when the at least one top panel is disengaged from operative supporting connection with the frame, the at least one side panel is slidably movable to disengage from operative supporting connection with the frame.

17. (new) A method comprising:

- a) opening a door of an automated banking machine, wherein the automated banking machine includes a cash dispenser, at least one top panel, at least one side panel, and a frame, wherein the at least one top panel is in removable operative engagement with the frame, wherein the at least one side panel is in removable operative engagement with the frame, wherein prior to opening the door, the door is operative to prevent the at least one top panel from being removed from operative engagement with the frame of the automated banking machine;
- b) subsequent to (a), removing the at least one top panel from operative engagement with the frame of the automated banking machine, wherein prior to removing the at least one top panel from operative engagement with the frame, the at least one top panel is operative to prevent at least one side panel from being removed from operative engagement with the frame; and
- c) subsequent to (b) removing the at least one side panel from operative engagement with the frame of the automated banking machine.